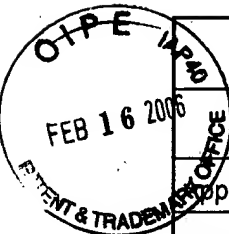


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Applicant(s): Kyosuke TAKA et al.

Invention: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | |
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| Independent Claims | 3 | - 3 = | | x | |
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
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| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

Total Claims 23 - 21 = 2 x 50.00 = 100.00

Multiple Dependent Claims

| Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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